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PROGRAM Senator Eugene J. McCarthy

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NOMINATION OF ADMIRAL RABORN AS DIRECTOR OF CIA

COMMENTATOR: "Getting onto another subject, the President appointing retired Admiral Raborn as head of the CIA, you once had some very strong doubts about the leadership in the CIA; do you retain any of those doubts in either the appointment or the agency itself at this time?"

SENATOR MCCARTHY: "Well, I have continuing concern about the relationship of the Central Intelligence Agency to the executive branch of the government and also to Congress. It's not so much a matter of how I feel about the persons who are in charge as it is of the more or less formal or structural relationship of this agency to the government and particularly to the Senate and to my responsibility as a member of the Senate. I think that these two appointments within that framework are very good appointments, that of Admiral Raborn to be its director, a man who has the greatest reputation as an administrator, and then of course the promotion of Mr. Richard Helms who has been employed in the Central Intelligence Agency since it was founded, a man of whom I've known for many years as a most competent, intelligent agency director and employee. I expect that within the framework of the operation of the CIA that these two men will provide competent leadership and direction."